

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of April 14, 2005 is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8, 10-13, and 15-17 as being anticipated by the Sato reference (USP 6,507,337). However, on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5-7 are allowed, and indicated that dependent claims 9 and 14 contained allowable subject matter. In view of these comments, the claims have now been amended as explained below.

Independent claim 8 has now been amended so as to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 9, and dependent claim 9 has been cancelled. In addition, independent claim 13 has now been amended so as to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 14, and dependent claim 14 has been cancelled. Thus, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 8 and 13, and the claims that depend therefrom, are now clearly patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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